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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits of the application referenced above, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please delete paragraphs [0048] and [0049] and substitute the following paragraphs [0048] and [0049] in place thereof. For the Examiner's convenience, the Applicants have enclosed a marked-up version of the replacement specification paragraphs, wherein deleted text is struck through and added text is underlined.

[0048] Figure 11, comprising Figures 11A and 11B, is the sequence (SEQ ID NO: 108) disclosed in Farres et al. (1989, Eur. J. Biochem. 180:67-74) for the mRNA encoding rat mitochondrial aldehyde dehydrogenase 2 (GENBANK® accession no. NM 032416). The underlined residues are residues 241-261 and have the sequence SEQ ID NO: 107.

[0049] Figure 12, comprising Figures 12A and 12B, is the sequence (SEQ ID NO: 110) for the mRNA encoding human mitochondrial aldehyde dehydrogenase 2 (GENBANK® accession no. NM 000690). The underlined residues are residues 237-257, have the sequence SEQ ID NO: 109, and exhibit high homology with SEQ ID NO: 107.

